Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	City	No. of available Channels
		Gorakhpur	1
		Jhansi	1
25	West Bengal	Kolkata	9(4)*
		Asansol	2
		Siliguri	3
26	Delhi	Delhi	8(4)*
27	Chandigarh	Chandigarh	2
28	Daman & Diu	Daman	1
29	Pondicherry	Pondicherry	3
TOTAL :		87	264(29)*

* Figures in bracket indicate number of Channels already operational.

Air stations

2945. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of All India Radio stations in the country, State-wise;

(b) the expenditure incurred and the income generated by All India Radio stations during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the expenditure incurred/being incurred on All India Radio is far more than its listnership;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard particularly to increase the listenership and to fix responsibility on the personnel of All India Radio;

(e) whether there is any proposal to introduce/set up one or two powerful stations per language instead of a large number of AIR stations in the country which may reduce its operating cost; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) 223 Radio Stations are working in the country. State-wise break up is at Statement. (*See* below).

(b) Details of expenditure incurred and the income generated during each of the last three years by All India Radio are given at Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) and (d) All India Radio being a public broadcaster does not work purely on commercial basis. The earning of commercial revenue is not the only objective of the organization, but is only incidental to its activities, which are never viewed in terms of profit and loss or income *versus* expenditure. However, the AIR listenership in 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 was 310 million, 340 million and 350 million respectively showing consistent increase, year after year.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. However, through Satellite DTH, 20 channels of AIR cover all of the country except Andaman & Nicobar.

Statement-I

Number of existing station of AIR — State-wise

Sl. No.	State	No. of stations
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	5
3.	Assam	10
4.	Bihar	5
5.	Chhattisgarh	6
6.	Delhi	1
7.	Goa	1
8.	Gujarat	8
9.	Haryana	3
10.	Himachal Pradesh	6
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	11
12.	Jharkhand	5
13.	Karnataka	14
14.	Kerala	8
15.	Madhya Pradesh	16
16.	Maharashtra	20
17.	Manipur	1
18.	Meghalaya	5
19.	Mizoram	3
20.	Nagaland	4
21.	Orissa	12

Sl. No.	State	No. of stations
22.	Punjab	3
23.	Rajasthan	17
24.	Sikkim	1
25.	Tamil Nadu	10
26.	Tripura	3
27.	Uttaranchal	6
28.	Uttar Pradesh	14
29.	West Bengal	7
30.	Union Territory	6
	TOTAL:	223

Statement-II

Expenditure & Income Statement of AIR

Year	Expenditure (in crores)	Income (in crores)
2003-04	678.73	141.04
2004-05	722.65	156.39
2005-06	756.69	268.83

FM Radio stations

2946. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited applications from private parties for the setting up of FM Radio stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any applications have been received;

(d) the names of FM Radio stations identified in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the respective number of applications received?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) The Government invited bids, *vide* Tender Notice issued on 21 September, 2005, from the private companies for setting up and operating 337 FM Radio channels in 91 cities across the country.